

Summary of Proposed Ordinance Relating to Zoning, Site Alteration and Critical Areas

This summary applies to the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance dated December 10, 2002, and fulfills the state Growth Management Act and King County Code 20.18.100 requirement for a “plain language” summary.

Some of these changes were included in proposed ordinances that were transmitted to the King County Council but not adopted. These items are noted using the following abbreviations:

SAO: The proposed amendments to the Sensitive Areas Ordinance, King County Code (K.C.C.) chapter 21A.24 pending at council (Proposed Ordinance 1999-0353).

SALT: The proposed Site Alteration Code pending at council (Proposed Ordinance 2000-0525). This is a proposed update to the Clearing and Grading Code.

Amendments to K.C.C. chapter 21A.08, “Permitted Uses”

Section 1 -- General services land uses. (*K.C.C. 21A.08.050*) Recycling facilities on resource lands are no longer permitted. [SALT Section 131]

Section 2 -- Resource land uses. (*K.C.C. 21A.08.090*) Added a use for processing operations on resource lands. On forest and mineral resource lands, processing operations related to mineral extraction are only permitted for the period of time needed for that mineral extraction activity. On agricultural lands, processing operations are limited to source-separated yard or organic waste processing at an appropriate scale for the amount of organic waste generated in the agricultural zone. On forest lands, waste processing is limited to source-separated yard or organic waste processing as an accessory to a sawmill use, and at an appropriate scale for the amount of organic waste generated on the site. [SALT Section 133]